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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A hanger assembly for hangingly supporting a potted plant, comprising:

at least one supporting collar comprising at least one inner aperture extending therethrough adapted to receive a potted plant therein, an outer edge, a plurality of slots extending inwardly from the outer edge and each having a narrowed throat section and an expanded seat section, and a plurality of frusto-conical surfaces in communication with the slots;

a plurality of flexible support members slidably received within the plurality of slots;
and

a plurality of stop members fixedly connected to the plurality of flexible support members along a length thereof, wherein the stop members are seated within the frusto-conical surfaces of the at least one support collar and prevent downward movement of the supporting collar with respect to the plurality of flexible support members.

Claim 2 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 1 wherein the slots snappably receive one or more flexible support members.

Claim 3 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 1 wherein the support members comprise cables or rope.

Claim 4 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 1 wherein the stop members comprise one or more components.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim 1 wherein ~~at least one~~ the plurality of stop member component is members are crimped, glued, welded or otherwise fixedly attached to the flexible support members.

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Claim 6 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim 5 wherein the ~~at least one~~
plurality of stop member component is members are spherically shaped.

Claim 7 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 1 wherein the supporting collar comprises a substantially planar shape.

Claim 8 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 1 wherein the supporting collar comprises plastic, metal, wood, or any composite or combination thereof.

Claim 9 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 1 further comprising a swivel support.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A hanger assembly for hangingly supporting a potted plant, comprising:

a supporting collar comprising at least one aperture extending therethrough adapted to receive at least one potted plant therein an outer edge, a plurality of slots extending inwardly from the outer edge and each having a narrowed throat section and an expanded seat section, and a plurality of frusto-conical surfaces in communication with the slots; and

a plurality of flexible support members slidably connected to the at least one supporting collar, such that the location of the supporting collar along a length of the flexible support members is slidably adjustable.

Claim 11 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 10 wherein the slots snappably receive one or more flexible support members.

Claim 12 (original): The hanger assembly of claim 10 wherein the support members comprise cables or rope.

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Claim ~~[[14]]~~ 13 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim 10 wherein the supporting collar comprises a substantially planar shape.

Claim ~~[[15]]~~ 14 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim 10 wherein the supporting collar comprises plastic, ~~metal~~, metal or any composite or combination thereof.

Claim ~~[[16]]~~ 15 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim 10 further comprising a swivel support.

Claim ~~[[17]]~~ 16 (currently amended): A hanger assembly for hangingly supporting a potted plant, comprising:

at least one ~~potted-plant pot~~, wherein the ~~potted-plant pot~~ comprises an outer edge, a plurality of slots extending inwardly from the outer edge and each having a narrowed throat section and an expanded seat section, and a plurality of frusto-conical surfaces in communication with the slots;

a plurality of flexible support members slidably received within the plurality of slots;
and

a plurality of stop members fixedly connected to the plurality of flexible support members along a length thereof, wherein the stop members are seated within the frusto-conical surfaces of the ~~at least one support collar plant pot~~ and prevent downward movement of the ~~supporting collar plant pot~~ with respect to the plurality of flexible support members.

Claim ~~[[18]]~~ 17 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 16 wherein the slots snappably receive one or more flexible supports.

Claim ~~[[19]]~~ 18 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 16 wherein the support members comprise cables or rope.

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Claim ~~[[20]]~~ 19 (currently amended): The hanger assembly of claim ~~[[17]]~~ 16 wherein the stop members comprise one or more components.